Purchase of a flat in Montreaux by Shri Ajitabh Bachchan

795. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shri Ajitabh Bachchan has been an NRI with effect from 28th January, 1986, if so, when he applied for NRI status, how much amount was spent by him for the purchase of the Montreaux flat and how he managed the foreign (exchange) income from whom, and during how much period.

(b) what kind of Visa he held at the time of his foreign income and with what official address of residences and whether he held a work-permit when he was earning as an NRI;

(c) the exact export promotions by IPCA Limited which had a blanket permit and gave about US $ 1220 to Shri Bachchan for his travels in June, 1986 while he was an employee of Aeropharma and whether he was holding a Swiss permit as an employee at the time; and

(d) how an NRI was permitted to draw foreign exchange through a front company IPCA Limited and what are the guidelines in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The adjudication proceedings under FERA573 establish that Shri Ajitabh Bachchan had become a person resident outside India with effect from 20-2-86; no application was required to be made for becoming an NRI under FERA. The flat in Montreax, Switzerland was purchased and fully paid by M/s Arcopharma SA. Geneva, as a part of the overall business arrangements agreed to between M/s Arcopharma SA and Shri Ajitabh Bachchan. As per the information available on record, Shri Ajitabh Bachchan was holding valid Visa for stay in Switzerland. At present he holds a business Visa in Switzerland. details of addresses given by him in the Visa applications, which were made to foreign Missions in and outside India would be available only with those Missions. He was not required to have any work permit for rendering consultancy services to M/s. Arcopharma SA in Switzerland.

(c) and (d) The matter is being looked into.

Security arrangement for (late) Shri Hitabhilashi in Punjab

796. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab BJP President (late) Shri Hitabhilashi came to know that certain persons were making inquiries about his daily visits to the Chandigarh BJP office and thereon he had requested the IG Police there to post armed guards at the BJP office; and

(b) what was the response of the IG Police, Chandigarh to this request and what were the consequences of not conceding Shri Hitabhilashi's request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Shri Hitabhilashi contacted the Inspector General of Police, Chandigarh on 22nd August, 1988 and requested that since some strangers were seen making enquiries around BJP office in sector 11, Chandigarh, about his movements, a police guard may be posted at the BJP office.

As the location of BJP office use strategically unsuitable for posting of a static guard the suggestion of I.G.P., Chandigarh to cover the BJP office by beat and mobile patrolling was accepted by Shri Hitabhilashi and beat and mobile patrolling was accordingly increased around the BJP's office. For want of details, identity of the strangers could not be established in spite of the best efforts made by the local police.

Financing of sick textile units

797. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gujarat Government has given a guarantee of Rs. 100 crores to banks for financing marginally sick textile units;

(b) if so, what are the total amounts of financial aid provided by the banks to the sick units in Gujarat, after the Government has given this guarantee; and

(c) how many textile mills are sick for financing and what are the other facilities being provided to them to remove the sickness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) Subject matter of the question relates to the Government of Gujarat. This Ministry does not have anything to do with it.

(c) As on 20.6.1988, the cases of 93 different types of textile units has been registered with the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction under the Sick Industrial Companies Act. The Board determines the preventive ameliotrative, remedial and other measures in respect of sick industrial companies. A Nodal Agency has been set up to examine sick textile mills in order to ascertain whether they are potentially viable or not. It evolves and manages rehabilitation packages for mills found to be potentially viable. A Textile Modernisation fund has also been set up to meet the modernisation needs of weak but viable textile units.

Garment exports

798. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report about the statement made by Shri N. K. Goyal, Chairman, Apparel Export Promotion Council about India's garment exports becoming uncompetitive in the international markets due to competition from our textile mills; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction and what steps are proposed to be taken to remedy the situation thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian garment exports will have to face competition from garments produced from all countries including those mentioned in the press report. There is a market for our fabrics in countries like Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Mauritius, Nepal, Dubai etc. which we can not afford to lose. The Government is taking all necessary steps to increase the exports of garments.

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799. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में जांच रिपोर्ट का ब्यौरा क्या है ; और